



Breastfeeding Committees: Goals and Responsibilities

- Alignment with provincial breastfeeding policies/objectives
- Recognition of the unique needs of each region, including cultural and language diversity
- Common goals/objectives:
 - Leadership in the promotion, protection, and support of breastfeeding through collaboration across hospital, community, business, and government sectors through:
 - Facilitating evidence-based practice and decision making
 - Ensuring consistency of information and key messaging
 - Facilitating integration and coordination of services for the purpose of achieving the best possible outcomes, including planning for 24 hour coverage for postnatal assessments
 - Develop a listing of community-specific resources to be provided to mothers/parents when discharged and to community clinicians whose patients require additional resources
 - Developing strategies to address need of unique populations
 - Mapping services to determine what is provided in the region, by whom and identifying and addressing any gaps in service
- Consistent multi-disciplinary representation:
 - All hospitals that provide maternal/child care
 - Public Health
 - Early Years Centres
 - Family Resource Centres
 - Primary Care Physicians and/or Family Health Teams
 - Community Health Centres
 - LHIN and/or regional network (dependent on how aligned)
 - Midwifery
 - Lactation Consultant
 - Peer Support Organization(s) e.g. LaLeche
 - Organizations dealing with high-risk groups, e.g. Children's Aid Society, teens, diverse cultures
 - School Board
 - Workplace/employers
 - Consumer
 - Other membership possibilities to be determined based on unique needs